

## Responsible Conduct of Research

As of 2018, Southern Connecticut State University is a subscriber to the [Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative \(CITI\) Program](#). CITI offers free educational training to all SCSU faculty, staff and students in the areas of research, ethics, regulatory oversight, and responsible conduct of research.

The Office of the Provost, in conjunction with the [Office of Research Integrity](#) and in light of our institution's continued adherence to the [Federal Research Misconduct Policy](#), highly recommends that all institutional members conducting any type of research establish an account with CITI and complete the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) course(s) that are best suited to their discipline.

The options currently available are:

- Biomedical Responsible Conduct of Research
- Responsible Conduct of Research for Engineers
- Humanities Responsible Conduct of Research
- Physical Science Responsible Conduct of Research
- Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research

All educational courses in the area of RCR contain modules on authorship, collaboration, conflicts of interest, data management, mentoring, peer review, research misconduct and plagiarism. CITI Certifications are valid for three years. Faculty are further encouraged to use CITI training materials with students in classroom instruction and for mentoring.

It is expected that all faculty members **with research funding** from external and/or internal sources will maintain RCR training. We strongly encourage all faculty members to familiarize themselves with CITI and the [SCSU ORI Policies and Procedures](#) and to contact the SCSU Office of Research Integrity at [ORI@southernct.edu](mailto:ORI@southernct.edu) or 392-5243 with any questions or concerns.

Researchers engaged in activities involving human subjects, animals, or bio-hazardous materials are required to complete additional CITI training per requirements established by the [IRB](#), [IACUC](#) or [IBC](#) Committees.

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